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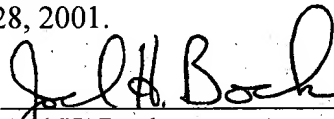
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AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response the Office Action of October 10, 2001, please amend the above application as follows:

REWRITTEN CLAIMS IN CLEAN FORM

Amend claim 1 to read as follows:

1. (Twice amended) A wire connector for electrically joining two or more incoming wires having conductors, comprising:
- a housing having walls defining a cavity therein with openings in the walls, said openings permitting the incoming wires to extend into the cavity;
 - an electrically conductive clip disposed in the cavity and held fixed in the housing by the walls, the clip having at least first and second retaining fingers each of which engages an